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A.—(a) Seventy-six.

(b) Nil.

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know whether the hon. Minister will call for information whether any qualified Mappillas applied?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"For what period?"

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"For the last five years."

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"I shall consider the suggestion."

### Fisheries

#### *Representation of Muslims in the Fisheries department.*

\* 1726 Q.—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of persons belonging to the fishermen community employed in the Fisheries department;

(b) the number of Muslims belonging to the fishermen profession in the West Coast; and

(c) the number of Muslims employed in the Fisheries department especially on the West Coast?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) Information is not available with Government.

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know whether the Government will call for the information?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"The information was not called for as the question was received by the Government only on the 24th instant."

#### *Working of fish-curing yards as commercial concerns.*

\* 1727 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the fish-curing yards are run as commercial concerns;

(b) whether supervision charges, leave and pensionary contributions are added to the cost of running fish-curing yards in arriving at the net cost of running these yards; and

(c) whether there are concerns other than commercial undertakings of Government where this system of arriving at net cost is followed?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

#### *Proposed appointment of an Assistant Marine Biologist.*

\* 1728 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal before Government to appoint an Assistant Marine Biologist in the Fisheries department;



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- (b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what his duties will be ;
- (c) what the qualifications prescribed for the post are ;
- (d) whether the existing research stations will continue ; and
- (e) how it is proposed to co-ordinate the work at the Research stations with that of the Assistant Biologist ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (e) The Assistant Biologist will do research work on board the trawler when she is out of port and, in the intervals between her cruises, carry out at the research stations at Calicut and Krasadai, a detailed study of the collections and observations made and the charting of the results obtained. He will, in addition, supervise and direct the research work done by the assistants in charge of the two stations at Calicut and Krasadai.

(c) The qualifications will be those prescribed in rules 3 and 4 (b) of the rules for the Madras Fisheries Service which were published at pages 1818-1820 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 8th October 1929.

(d) Yes.

### Industries

*Number, etc., of industrial training schools in the Presidency.*

\* 1729 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of industrial training schools in the Presidency, both Government and aided ;

(b) the number of people trained in these institutions during the last three years ;

(c) the nature of instruction imparted and the language employed in giving instruction ; and

(d) the number of stipends available for pupils undergoing training in these training institutions ?

A.—(a) There are no industrial training schools maintained by the Government. There are two institutions aided by the Government.

(b) Twenty-nine students were trained during the years 1927-28 and 1928-29. No information is available for 1926-27. One of the two institutions was opened only in 1927-28.

(c) Training is imparted in one institution in carpentry and cabinet making, and in lace and embroidery in the other. The instruction is given almost entirely in Tamil.

(d) Eighteen stipends are available.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ May I know the amount of aid that is given by the Government to these schools ? ”

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—“ Notice. Sir, I think the information is available in the administration report.”

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ May I ask what arrangements there are for training students in carpentry in areas other than Tamil areas ? ”

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—“ Notice, Sir.”